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Attorney Docket No. 15280W003000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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Application No.: 09/526,855

Filed: March 17, 2000

For: STRUCTURAL MODIFICATION OF
19-NORPROGESTERONE I: 17- α -
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Examiner: B. Badio

Art Unit: 1616

SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO
RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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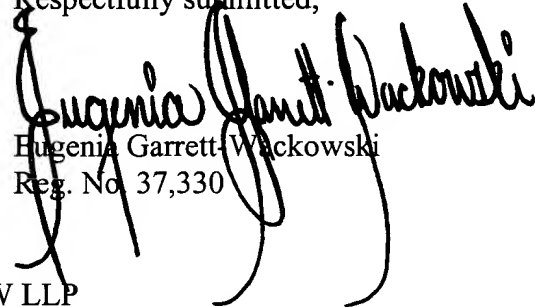
In response to the Communication from the Examiner mailed February 15, 2001, Applicants further elect, for purposes of examination, to prosecute the compound of claim 24, drawn to compound 113a of Figure 8, wherein R¹ is -N(CH₃)₂; R² and R³ are methoxy; R⁴ is methyl; and X is =O. This compound is an example of a species that falls within the scope of elected Group I, claims 1-49. As stated in MPEP § 809.02(a), "[u]pon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR § 1.141."

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If the Examiner has any questions regarding Applicants' species election, or if the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at (415) 576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,



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